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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
FUMIO HATA ) Examiner: A. Gagliardi  
Application No.: 09/238,501 ) Group Art Unit: 2878  
Filed: January 27, 1999 )  
For: TWO-DIMENSIONAL IMAGE )  
PICKUP APPARATUS ) March 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the requirement to elect between allegedly distinct species dated February 12, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute Species I, namely the embodiment depicted in Figure 2. Claims 1 to 3, 8 to 10 and 30 to 32 read on the elected species. The election is made without traverse.

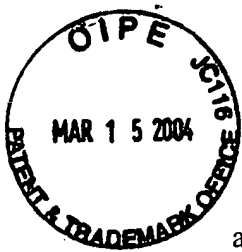
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March 12, 2004  
Date of Signature



Regarding a formal matter, it is once again respectfully requested to receive an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 17, 2003.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. DeFuria".

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